

MAY PUT ASHES ON ICE-COVERED WALKS

But Sand and Sawdust Are Preferred, Says Police Superintendent Pullman.

Although a strict interpretation of the police regulations prohibits the sprinkling of ashes, sand, and sawdust on the sidewalks for any purpose whatever, police officials today declared they would not regard the treatment of the city's sidewalks with these substances, for the purpose of safeguarding pedestrians, as an offense.

Superintendent of Police Pullman went a step further, and declared it to be his intention to request the Commissioners to authorize householders to sprinkle sand or sawdust on the sidewalks whenever they are covered with ice.

At the time the old "snow law," now repealed, was in effect, the sprinkling of "ashes, sand, or sawdust" on the sidewalk whenever they were covered with ice, was compulsory. The repeal of that act left operative only the section of the police regulations which prohibits, in blanket terms, the scattering of sand, sawdust, ashes, and dirt, among other substances, on the pavements.

"The police are not only disposed to regard the sprinkling of sand, sawdust, and ashes over ice-covered sidewalks as being no offense against the regulations," said Major Pullman, "but are rather of the opinion that, inasmuch as it contributes to the safety of pedestrians, it should be done. Of course, the police would rather that the householders did not use ashes, but sand or sawdust instead."

Minister Pezet Will Fete Athenium at Legation

The minister from Peru, Don Federico Alfonso Pezet, has invited the members of the Spanish-American Athenium to meet at the legation Monday evening.

Minister Pezet will deliver an address on the literature of Peru to the Athenium, and Bishop Charles Warren Currier will speak on the development of Spanish and Latin-American literature. This will be the second of Bishop Currier's talks to the Athenium on that subject.

In addition to these addresses, Senator Don Benito Gomez Corda of Mexico will recite several poems of his own composition; Senator Don Jose Vazquez-Riestra, a Peruvian composer, will speak of the music of the Incas and will give interpretations of it; Senator Don Jose L. Salcedo will contribute some musical numbers to the program, and Senator Jose Xerez-Burrows will sing the Peruvian national anthem.

Catholic University May Debate With G.W.U.

George Washington University will debate Catholic University early next spring, according to an announcement made by Prof. E. C. Schreiber, Jr., chairman of the debating council at the former institution. Negotiations for the debate have just been concluded, and steps now are being taken to arrange for an additional debate during the 1916-17 season.

George Washington will open its debating season next week in a contest with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The George Washington team will be composed of C. W. Jacobson and P. B. Morehouse, with B. F. Robinson as alternate. Prof. Schreiber and Prof. James L. Parks, Jr., both members of the Law School faculty, are coaching the team. Judges for the debate now are being selected. George Washington is being given a choice of five from a list of ten submitted by North Carolina.

Arts Board Dislikes New School's Design

Central High Building Called "Conspicuous Example of Lack of Harmony With Best Traditions of Washington Architecture."

The new Central High School building is characterized as a "conspicuous and most unfortunate example of lack of harmony with the best traditions of Washington architecture" in the annual report of the Commission of Fine Arts submitted to Congress by President Wilson today. The commission previously had made a report adverse to the use of the Elizabethan style followed in this building. In school structures, holding it ill-adapted and inappropriate for public buildings in Washington.

The commission refers to the proposed improvement of East Potomac Park and calls especial attention to the need of swimming facilities there. Tentative plans for a bathing beach, rose garden and other improvements in West Potomac Park are still under consideration.

Pleads For Harmony

Considerable stress is given in the commission's report to its work for the harmonious development of the District in the matter of parks, monuments, memorials and public buildings. In this connection the report says:

"The people of the country are naturally proud that with rare foresight the Federal city was planned in the beginning as a symmetrical and comprehensive capital for a great nation. They are gratified also at the rapid realization, in these days, of what were the dreams of the fathers. The general appearance of the city, the general scheme of the harmonious development of the District of Columbia, personal or individual preferences should be subordinate to the comprehensive plan. No temporary economies should be sought at the expense of the dignity and impressiveness which ought to characterize those buildings that outwardly represent the great departments and offices of the Government."

Protest As To Statues.

"It is not necessary that all these structures shall be what is termed monumental in character, but each one should embody the ideas of permanence and dignity, and should contribute its share, either great or small, to make the District of Columbia an ideal capital."

The commission took a position against the erection of any more full-length portrait statues in "the conventional costume of the day," because that costume "lends itself less to artistic treatment than any other form of monumental presentation."

In order to exhibit models and drawings submitted in competition for public monuments and drawings submitted in competition for public monuments or buildings, Congress is urged to provide additional rooms for it, preferably in connection with the office of public buildings and grounds.

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Trouble Due Over Treaties in Senate

Fight for Open Debate to Be Renewed If Colombian Pact Is Pressed.

If the Administration this winter should try to force the Colombian treaty through the Senate, there will be trouble. There also will be opposition to the Nicaragua treaty, but not so vigorous as to the former.

Urge Prayer Before Changing U. S. Policy

Emma Sanford Shelton, president of the local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Lucy S. Patrick, superintendent of the peace department of that organization, have issued an appeal to the ministers of Washington to pray next Sunday that the officials of the Government will use moderation and deliberation before placing the United States on the plane of the militarists of Europe.

The plea is as follows: "The members of the District Woman's Christian Temperance Union ask all ministers to improve the opportunity on Peace Sunday, December 19, and the holiday season, by emphasizing the Christian ideals of human brotherhood, and by urging moderation and deliberation before changing our present policy and adopting one that will place us on the plane of the militarists of Europe."

Slips on Ice; Struck By Car; In Hospital

While crossing the car tracks at Four-and-a-half and J. streets southwest, James Cloherty, forty-eight, of 150 Heelman street, slipped on the ice and fell. Before he could regain his feet, he was struck by a northbound car. He was removed to Emergency Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Tennessee Bank Fails. Blame Put on Cashier

The Comptroller of the Currency announces the failure of the First National Bank of Wartrace, Tenn. The bank examiner disapproved, according to the statement, of the cashier's policy and management, for which the cashier of the bank is responsible.

Six Join Chamber.

The membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce has elected to membership in the trade body six new members. They are William P. Barnhart, Dr. C. R. Dufour, Arthur E. Jones, Colin H. Livingston, J. M. Stein, and Francis C. Wallace.

Guardian Needed For Haiti.

So far as Haiti is concerned, the feeling is strong in Congress that a long arm is needed to hold down the situation there. But objections are heard to the administration's course of sending naval vessels and marines to the island republic to deal with the situation at a time when Congress was not in session and could not possibly be consulted.

Several Senators To Lead.

Several Senators will lead in this effort who long advocated public sessions on practically all matters. They concede only that in a time of great public danger executive sessions might be advisable.

Whether the effort to get the treaties considered in the light of day instead of behind closed doors will succeed or fail, the opposition to each one of them will be strong. Especially will it be to the Colombian treaty. It is extremely doubtful if two-thirds of the Senate will agree to ratify this treaty.

The Nicaragua treaty, so far as the concession for a canal route goes, has more support. The indications are that the recent closing of the Panama canal by slides has added strength to the Nicaraguan treaty, because many members feel that if the Panama canal is not going to be satisfactory as a waterway, it may be well to have another canal route in Uncle Sam's grip.

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